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IN RE: PETITION OF BUDGET PHONE,
INC. FOR DESIGNATION AS AN
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER

CAUSE NO. 41052-ETC-48

You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") has caused the following entry to be made:

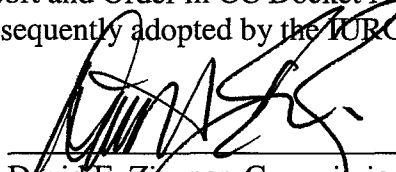
On July 12, 2005, Budget Phone, Inc. ("Petitioner") filed its petition to be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC"), as captioned herein.

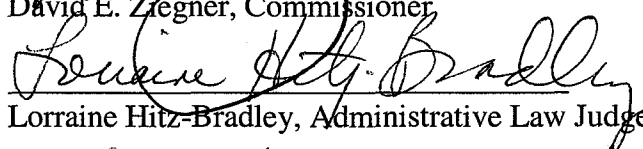
The Presiding Officers, having reviewed Petitioner's pleadings and being duly advised in the premises, hereby find that Petitioner should answer the following requests on or before November 18, 2005.

1. Please provide copies of prepaid local service and customer service agreements currently being used by Budget Phone, as referenced by Budget Phone's petition in Cause No. 42296.
2. Please provide a customer service number for billing and other types of customer disputes.
 - a. Please provide the average answer time at your customer service center.
 - b. What is the longest time a customer must wait to speak to a customer service representative?
 - c. Is the customer service number on the customer's bill, or contained in their prepaid contract?
3. What network facilities does Budget Phone own and operate?
 - a. What facilities does Budget Phone plan to own and operate within the next five years?
4. Is Budget Phone currently serving its customers with UNE-P?
 - a. If so, please identify the locations (i.e., specific exchanges) in which Budget Phone serves consumers with UNE-P.

- b. Please indicate the specific exchanges in which Budget Phone serves its customers through its resale authority.
5. What are Budget Phone's plans after March 11, 2006, when UNE-P is no longer available?
- a. Has Budget Phone entered into an alternative agreement/arrangement through which it will serve its customers? If so, please explain and provide copies of said agreement.
6. Please describe how Budget Phone would ensure that universal service funds are being used in accordance with Section 254 of the Act.
7. Budget Phone's tariff stamped received September 16, 2005 includes charges from what looks to be Verizon and SBC rate groups; please explain.
8. Please provide a copy of Budget Phone's Lifeline/LinkUp tariff showing the monthly recurring discount for eligible consumers in addition to the Link-up discount for eligible consumers.
9. Please explain in detail how Budget Phone's proposed rates for local service would meet the goals set forth under the Act regarding Lifeline/LinkUp services under Section 254(b)(1).
10. How would Budget Phone assure that Lifeline/Link-up support will be used for basic local service as opposed to vertical services, long distance and other enhanced services such as those offered in Budget Phone's packages?
11. Budget Phone's Five-Year Plan (Exhibit RM-1 included in the Direct Testimony) discusses a marketing plan which would target the low density (zone 3) exchanges in Verizon's service areas, and includes the build out of an agent distribution and payment center network. How does this marketing plan meet the 5 year network infrastructure build out plan requirements discussed in the FCC's ETC Order dated March 17, 2005?
12. Explain in detail how Budget Phone will meet the new ETC guidelines established by the FCC's Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-45 (FCC 05-46), released March 17, 2005, subsequently adopted by the IURC.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


David E. Ziegner, Commissioner


Lorraine Hitz-Bradley, Administrative Law Judge

Date: November 3, 2005